

environmental stress of the present invention for which the testing was conducted. Among these essential ingredients, the vitamin C derivative refers to the aforementioned L-ascorbic acid phosphate (magnesium).--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 5-12 and 17-19.

## REMARKS

Claims 5-12 and 17-19 have been cancelled. Claims 1-4 and 13-16, which are directed to treating environmental stress on the skin due to contact with tobacco smoke, remain in the application. In addition, the specification has been amended so as to conform the specification to the present specification in the parent U.S. application No. 09/478,882.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP VERSIONS OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS:**

On page 21, kindly substitute the following paragraph for the third paragraph therein:

--After the culture was completed, the medium was removed and replaced with PBS (-) and the ultraweak chemiluminescence from the aforementioned human fibroblast cells adhered to the bottom of the Petri dish was measured for 10 minutes using a chemiluminescence detector (model CLD-110 from Tohoku Electronic Industries Co., Ltd.). The number of photoelectrons generated during this time was converted to an electric voltage to obtain the [blank] normal value of the ultraweak chemiluminescence.--

On page 23, please replace the original 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph therein with the following paragraph:

--An 1.0 wt% aqueous solution of each of 1)  $\alpha$ -tocopherol, 2)  $\beta$ -carotene, 3) thiotaurine (from Sogo Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 4) hypotaurine (from Sogo Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 5) glutathione, 6) tannin, 7) vitamin C derivative [[[ L-ascorbic acid phosphate (magnesium)]]], 8) thiotaurine + malic acid, 9) hypotaurine + malic acid and 10) glutathione + malic acid (when combined with malic acid, 1.0 wt% of malic acid was contained as well as 1.0 wt% of the antioxidant) was applied on the medial aspect of the human forearm. For each of these, the [blank] normal value of the corneum

